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In re application of: )  
THOMAS R. CECH et al. ) Examiner: (to be assigned)  
Appl. No. 08/846,017 ) Art Unit: 1815  
Filed: April 25, 1997 ) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

In advance of prosecution on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Page 10, line 7, delete "61" and insert therein --67--; line 8, delete "68" and insert therein --69--; line 10, delete "61" and insert therein --67--; line 10, delete "68" and insert